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To the Faculty and Staff of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

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*North Central*

MEMO TO: The University Community

FROM: Andrew J. Kochman



SUBJECT: Accreditation at The Doctoral Degree Level

Accreditation at the doctoral degree level has been granted to Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. This announcement was made today by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Also included in the Association action was approval of accreditation at the first professional degree level, covering the Doctor of Dental Medicine program, as well as reaffirmation of accreditation for the baccalaureate, master's, and sixth year specialist degree programs. The Dental Medicine degree had previously been approved by the Council on Education of the American Dental Association.

The accrediting action announced by the North Central Association was based upon conclusions and recommendations of a report prepared by a team of educators representing the Association, who visited the Edwardsville campus and evaluated University programs in March of this year. A proposed doctoral degree program in The Educational Process, a central focus of the evaluation visit, was previously approved by the University Board of Trustees and the Illinois State Board of Higher Education.

SIUE will be required to file a progress report concerning the development of its doctoral degree program (Ed.D. in The Educational Process) in 1978, and the program will again be reviewed in 1980. The University must also notify the Association of further plans for expansion at the doctoral level.